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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

1. GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR DADZIE, WHO FUNCTIONS ALSO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING, TOLD US LATE LAST WEEK THAT HE PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE'S SIXTH SESSION MAY 2-20, AND MAY BY NOW HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH USUN. HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST ALSO IN CONSULTING IN ADVANCE WITH FOX FROM THE DEPARTMENT IF THIS IS FEASIBLE. HE HAS ASKED THE UN SECRETARIAT TO CIRCULATE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS HIS RE-DRAFTS OF SECTIONS VI, VII AND VIII OF THE REPORT.

2. DADZIE WISHES TO INFORM A "CROSS-SECTION" OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO ABOUT AN EXCHANGE WITH UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS RELATING TO A LAST-MINUTE INVITATION TO HIM TO MEET WITH THE ACC AT IST RECENT PARIS SESSION TO REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRESS. HE DECLINED TO DO SO, FEELING HE LACKED ANY MANDATE

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TO SPEAK FOR THE COMMITTEE, BUT WISHES TO EXPLAIN HIS REASONING, CONCERNS, AND (POSSIBLY) HIS PIQUE AT THE WAY THIS WAS HANDLED FROM THE SECRETARIAT SIDE.

3. DADZIE RECOUNTED TO US AT SOME LENGTH HIS VIEWS ON THE UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE, BUT ALONG LINES PRESUMABLY

WELL KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND USUN. WHEN WE FOCUSED HIM ON THE QUESTION OF EXTERNAL EVALUATION DEFICIENCIES, HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED TO US THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT US THINKING ON THIS HAD BEEN SUFFICIENTLY ELABORATED. HE PERCEIVED NO AUTOMATIC RESISTANCE TO US THINKING, BUT FELT CLARIFICATION WAS NEEDED ABOUT JUST WHAT THE US HAD IN MIND IN SPEAKING OF AN "INDEPENDENT EVALUATION MECHANISM", AND HOW THIS WOULD FIT WITH JIU. AN IMPORTANT PRESENTATIONAL CONSIDERATION, AS DADZIE SEES IT, IS THAT THIS NOT BE PORTRAYED AS INDEPENDENT OF ANY GOVERNING BODY.

4. REALISTICALLY DADZIE SEES THE MAY 2-20 MEETING AS THE CLOSING STAGE IN THE PRESENT EXERCISE, BUT HE IS MINDFUL TOO THAT THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ENVISAGE THAT IT "INITIATE STEPS." PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, HE CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION (IN FACT SAID) THAT HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM ACCRA NOT TO DISSIPATE HIS ENERGIES FURTHER ON THIS EXERCISE, AND FORESAW NO FURTHER ROLE FOR HIMSELF WHATEVER THE FURTHER REQUIREMENTS MAY BE. SORENSON

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